



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." ~ William Arthur Ward

Nov. 25, 2015

Girls Inc. Winter Break Camp - Dec. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31

Girls Inc. is seeking volunteers for their Winter Break Camp on Dec. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and 31. Volunteers will supervise, mentor, and support the girls as they participate in fun activities such as field trips, cooking, crafts and games. Volunteers are also welcome to facilitate their own activities. Minimum age is 18. Please contact June Taylor at (812) 336-7313 or jtaylor@monroe-girls-inc.org. (www.girlsinc-monroe.org)

Write Letters, Color Pictures or Make Gifts for Veterans – Deadline Jan. 4

The American Legion Auxiliary supports The American Legion, a patriotic veterans organization, and honors those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, military and their families. Our local group, Auxiliary Unit 18, is requesting individuals, groups, teachers and others to organize letter writing, card making, and coloring efforts by children. (Printables for coloring are available.) These will be given to residents of the Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette, local veterans in assisted living centers, and members of the American Legion Post. Crafters are also encouraged to make lap blankets or other handmade items. You can do this activity at your home or within your facility. Their goal is to have enough for all 240 residents of the Veterans Home, plus 100 for local veterans. Please deliver them by Jan. 4, as volunteers will assemble them into kits on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 18. Please contact Jenny Tracy at (812) 320-3871 or jtracy@bluemarble.net with questions and to arrange drop off or pick up. (www.legion18.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Boys & Girls Clubs

Enables all young people, especially those who need us most, to become caring, productive, responsible citizens. To grant a wish, contact Victoria Laudeman at (812) 361-8076 or vlaudeman@bgcbloomington.org. (311 S. Lincoln St.; www.bgcbloomington.com)

Wishes: markers, paints, walkie-talkies, computer speakers, laptop, commercial grade tables & chairs, Ziploc bags, 14-passenger mini-bus, paper cutter, large first aid kits, fishing tackle, dodge balls, stability balls, tool sets, gift cards (Sunoco, SS Worldwide, Chocolate Moose, Wal-Mart, Subway)

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or buy a few items yourself. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

Hidden Hunger Food Drive & Food Insecurity Education – Jan. 11-17

As the costs of higher education increase, more students cannot afford both tuition and food. The newly created food pantry on campus, Crimson Cupboard, seeks to address this gap. Join volunteers from the community, Eigenmann Hall and the Thriving Connections program of the South Central Community Action Program as they provide educational information and activities regarding food insecurity, organize a food drive, and volunteer at the Crimson Cupboard between Jan. 11-17. Minimum age is 18; 10 if with an adult. Please contact Erika Wheeler at (812) 929-0483 or greeneri@umail.iu.edu. (www.insccap.org)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Jan. 18

Make your Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 18, "A Day On, Not a Day Off" as over 50 community service projects have been organized to honor Dr. King and support the community. You may also extend your service with other opportunities during the Forty Days of Peace, celebrated through Feb. 29. To learn about all of the opportunities to serve, go to www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/MLKDay. To learn about all of the events planned for Dr. King Day, please go to www.bloomington.in.gov/MLK or contact Michael Shermis at (812) 349-3471 or shermism@bloomington.in.gov.

African American Read-In – Feb. 1

The IU School of Education will host its 14th annual African American Read-In for about 200 high school and middle school guests from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Feb. 1. Each child will receive a book by or about the Black experience that promotes Dr. King's values. Before the event, people are encouraged to assist with planning, bag stuffing, and coordination. On Feb. 1, volunteers will sort and distribute books and assist with the Read-In. An elementary version will occur in Fairview and University Elementary Schools. Volunteers will assist with passing out books to second and third graders and participate in the Read-In. Elementary school volunteers will require an IU criminal background check paid for by the volunteer, so are asked to contact the organizer by mid-January. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Stephanie Power-Carter at (812) 856-8265 or powercarter2000@gmail.com. (www.education.indiana.edu)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

